

extract as an oxytoxic must be considered in the experimental stage. A large number of cases have been reported in which untoward effects from the use of various pituitary extracts (including pituitrin) were obtained (Jour. A. M. A., May 2, 1914, p. 1420).

**PANCREATIN.**—Long and Huhleman report that mere traces of hydrochloric acid will destroy the ptyalin of pancreatin, that pancreatin of commerce—which often is not pancreatin but merely the dried pancreas gland—is practically devoid of lipase, the fat digesting ferment, and that its tryptic ferment is likely to be destroyed by the action of the pepsin and hydrochloric acid during its passage through the stomach (Arch. Int. Med., Feb., 1914, p. 314).

**VALENTINE'S MEAT JUICE.**—Four years ago an examination by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry showed that Valentine's Meat Juice was not a meat juice, but had the character of a meat extract instead, while on the basis of the claim that it was a meat juice extravagant assertions as to its nutritive value were made. The product being a meat extract, was practically devoid of nutrient qualities. As Valentine's Meat Juice is still widely advertised the Council deemed a re-examination important. This re-examination shows that in general it has the composition now as then, and that the same unwarranted claims are still made for it (Jour. A. M. A., May 2, 1914, p. 1419).

**BROMIDIA (Battle & Co.).**—A report of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry points out that while the name suggests bromid, Bromidia is essentially a chloral preparation. This nostrum illustrates the need of the Council's rule under which recognition is refused to pharmaceutical mixtures whose name does not indicate their most potent ingredients. While the chloral content of Bromidia has been given considerable publicity, yet the preparation is used both by physicians and by the public, without due consideration of its potent ingredient, as attested by the fatal results and the habit-formation which have resulted from its use. The Bromidia advertising propaganda first admits the presence of chloral, then it is argued that in Bromidia the evil effects of chloral are eliminated and in the end the impression is left that Bromidia is practically innocuous and may be given even in cases of typhoid and to children (Jour. A. M. A., May 16, 1914, p. 1573).

**THIOL RE-ADMITTED TO N. N. R.**—In 1913 the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry directed the deletion from New and Nonofficial Remedies of Thiocol and Syrup Thiocol, Roche, because a preparation called Sirolin, containing Thiocol as its effective component and practically the same as Syrup Thiocol, Roche, was being advertised to the public. The Hoffman-LaRoche Chemical Works having furnished assurance that the public exploitation of Sirolin has been discontinued, the Council voted that Thiocol and Syrup Thiocol, Roche, be restored to New and Nonofficial Remedies (Jour. A. M. A., May 23, 1914, p. 1637).

#### IN ERRATA.

On page 128 (March issue) under New Members, A. B. Kern should be W. B. Kern.

On page 218 (May issue) under New Members, Emil C. Block should read Emil C. Black.

#### DR. VAUGHN IN SAN FRANCISCO.

In the early part of June, Dr. Victor Vaughn, President-elect of the A. M. A., visited San Francisco for a few days. It was the desire of the Directors of the County Society to entertain him at a dinner, but his stay was too short to make it possible. If the A. M. A. meets in San Francisco

in 1915 we will have the pleasure of a longer visit from this distinguished physician and most polished gentleman.

#### GRADUATE MEDICAL WORK.

Stanford University Medical School announces a series of medical courses for the summer months, from July 6th to August 16th, which should be attractive to those desiring to take a little post-graduate study. Most of the classes are limited in number and if any are interested they should address Dr. W. W. Boardman, Lane Hospital, San Francisco, at an early date.

#### DIRECTOR CHOSEN FOR HOOPER FOUNDATION.

The Medical Department of the University of California announces that Dr. George H. Whipple has been appointed Director of the George Williams Hooper Institute of Medical Research. Dr. Whipple is at present Associate Professor of Pathology in the Johns Hopkins Medical School, where he has been closely associated with the master-pathologist, William H. Welch, and where he has, for some years, been the active head of the department. His recent work upon the isolated intestinal loop in the explanation of the symptoms of intestinal obstruction has given a fresh impetus to the investigation of this subject.

The assumption of his duties by Dr. Whipple will be, to the Medical Department of the University of California, one step nearer the ideal toward which it is so conscientiously striving.

#### A. M. A. CHEMICAL LABORATORY REPORTS.

The report for the last year has just been issued and shows what a remarkably valuable work the Association is doing through its chemical laboratory. Every encouragement should be given to those who are doing this work and its value should be more widely known. Copies of the report may be had by addressing the Association, 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago; the price is twenty-five cents.

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